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EDITORIALS

EISENHOWER'S REFUSAL

We are confident that Virginia Democrats are sincere in desiring the nomination of General Eisenhower for the presidency. So were the leaders of the party in many other states. There can be no question of the General's ability as a leader and as an administrator. He proved that the hard way in the late war. Furthermore, he was a likely winner, and no one knows the importance of winning better than does a professional politician.

It is no easy task, that of holding together the assorted elements making up the Democratic Party, its composition is more diverse than that of the Republican Party. The late President Roosevelt was the master craftsman in welding the factions within the Democratic Party into a working unity. Many sincerely felt that Eisenhower was the man to do a welding job for the party and continue in power the people's program so well begun in the years since 1932.

Yet the word from the General for declining a nomination he no doubt would have had. The job is a killing one. It takes a professional politician to take the rebuffs coming to a president from a Congress dominated by the opposing party. Without a cooperative Congress no real program can be undertaken. Under Eisenhower many seats now held by Republicans are sure to have been switched over to Democrats, but hardly enough to gain working control. The General has won the right to peace and happiness. He would hardly have found it in the White House.

TWO FINE UNITS

Two developments of the war cade here at Appomattox are going strong. One is the community canery and the other is the agricultural work shop on the school campus. The leaders who plan and direct the work of these two units render a genuine service and merit the gratitude of the public.

MR. EDWARDS' CANDIDACY

The announced candidacy of Hon. Horace H. Edwards, Mayor of Richmond,for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the August 1949 primary, is meeting with most favorable reception. It is far too early to pick the primary winner. Many political leaders will desire to wait until next spring to place their support. But our guess is that Mr. Edwards will use the intervening months to great advantage in building up popular support for his candidacy.

He made a favorable impression in Crewe last week, where he addressed the annual meeting of the Southside Electric Cooperative.

And the same week, following an address at Parksley, in populous Accomack County, the Eastern Shore News reported: "The aspiring candidate for Virginia's highest office, launched into his address, espousing his governmental, economic, social and religious beliefs and ideals in a simple unaffected manner, yet, with a vigor, forcefulness and sincerity which apparantly made a splendid impression on those who were present to hear him."

WITH OTHER EDITORS

A CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE

(The Roanoke Times)

The man most to be pitied, remarks the Richmond News Leader, is not the man who has the hardest job to do but the one who has the hardest time getting himself to buckle down to it. Because, our contemporary goes on to say, joy still is to be found in work— in any work.

"It need not be the top job. The happy man does not have to sit in the driver's seat or else beef because he does not. He need not be boss, or foreman, or supervisor, of anything else that is high-sound-ing. All he needs is to be high-souled. If he starts out by mastering his own spirit, he finds comfort and self-respect in living with himself, and he sees how unimportant is the chance, the circumstance, the inheritance that gives this man or that man title and, so-called eminence. Thus is the battle won before men think it is begun, or else it is lost in sourness of spirit, in envy or self-reproach that no distinction can offset."

That is well said, and as timely as it is well said. In an age when the dignity of work no longer holds the place it once occupied in men's minds and thoughts, it is well to be reminded of the joy of honest work, even though it be "dull routine" and drugery.

"You man complain because you have to work," the News Leader says and proceeds to point out that "you would be immeasurably worse off if you could not." That, too, is worth remembering. Thank God for the day's task and for the strength to do it. Regard each day's work as a challenge and a privilege. Is not that what it really is?

HAPPY ENDING

(Winchester Star)

Reports of unexpectedly large yields from many sections of the great southwestern winter wheat belt give further proof that wheat is one crop which can be depended upon to bring a return, even under unfavorable conditions. The 1947 planting survived nearly every hazard incident to the crop.

The seed went into dust- dry fields. The winter season was extremely unfavorable. Lack of moisture during the spring months further complicated the situation. Yet combines are getting returns which promise to bring the total yield within shooting distance of the 10-year average.

During winter and spring months there was little upon which to base an optimistic forecast. Crop experts were definitely puzzled, but all agreed the yield would be low, perhaps the lowest in many years. Early estimates placed the yield in Kansas at 125,000,000 bushels. This was boosted to 130,000,000, then to 140,000,000, and now it is predicted the banner wheat state will harvest 160,000,000 bushels. This is far below the record crop of last year of 287,000,000 bushels, but it is an average yield.

The nation will produce more than 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, the second largest yield in history. The combines are rolling again, bringing a happy ending to what promised to be a sad story.

HE STARTED IT

(Wall Street Journal)

The present political convention time brings to mind the little man who, forty years ago, rolled his machine before the Republican convention hall in Chicago and unwittingly provided the name for one one of the most popular of all American political devices.

The Republicans were trying to nominate a successor to President Roosevelt. Teddy preferred Taft, but there were others planning for favorite sons—Uncle Joe Cannon, Charlie Fairbanks, Charlie Hughes and others. Much depended upon the seating of the Alabama and Arkansas delegations, which held a key to the situation.

The seating was finally arranged in what Oswald F. Schuette, a reporter for a Chicago paper, considered an extremely high-handed manner. As he rushed from the convention hall to write his story, he almost ran into a steam-roller parked in front of the building. Ergo, he had his lead. He began his story with the declaration that the Roosevelt-Taft forces had flattened the opposition like a steam-roller."

The next day the convention hall resounded with cries of "steam roller,"—and a new political term had entered the American language.

FAMILY LIFE

(Nashville Banner)

The hardest task for a child is to learn good manners without seeing

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 23:4-6.

Naomi, Woman Of Faith

Lesson for July 18, 1948

IF WE are to understand Ruth, this cherished heroine of the book bearing her name, we must know Naomi, her mother-in-law—woman of faith in God and surpassing patience and sacrifice in service to her day and generation.

Dr. Newton

It is the Book of Ruth which we have for Sunday's lessons, with Psalms 23:4-6 as the devotional reading. The golden text, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God," Ruth 1:16.

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IN SEARCH OF BREAD

FAMINE in Judah, where Elimelech and his wife, Naomi, and their sons, Mahlon and Chilion, dwelt, drove them to Moab, in search of bread. Elimelech died, and the sons married young women of Moab, Ruth and Orpah. And then the sons died. Naomi, feeling that she must not longer remain in Moab, announced her intention to return to her native land, and bade Ruth and Orpah farewell. In one brief decade Naomi had lost husband and sons, and now she longed for home.

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"INTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE"

ORPAH accepted Naomi's suggestion, and turned away to her own people; but not so with Ruth. She loved Naomi. She could not give her up. Naomi had done something for Ruth in those years of sorrow and loss.

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

With these sublime words, Ruth lashed herself to Naomi, and together they started on the long trek to Bethlehem.

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WHEN FAITH CONQUERS

HERE we witness conquering of faith—conquering faith in the hearts of Naomi and Ruth. And they come to Bethlehem. It was the harvest season, and Naomi directed Ruth to glean in the field of Boaz, a wealthy and generous-hearted citizen of Bethlehem. Faith in action! And the world loves the story of Ruth becoming the wife of Boaz, and thus the mother of Obed, the grandfather of David the king in the ancestral line of Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

And Naomi, through her conquering faith, held in her arms the little baby, Obed, and dreamed of God's unfolding purposes to bless the world.

In this unsurpassed romance we witness faith in adversity, faith in association, faith in conduct, faith in claim, faith in confidence, and faith in a glorious climax.

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WHEN FAITH CONQUERS

LIFE is always ennobled when faith conquers. It is easy to imagine how history might have missed this beautiful love story, had not Naomi been a woman of conquering faith. She might have given up and over to her great sorrow and pined away in grief and defeat.

But Naomi followed the gleam. And her trust in God shed its gentle glow into the lonely heart of the Moabite widow, Ruth, Ruth clave unto Naomi. She could not do otherwise. "Truth is stranger than fiction."

And all history was enriched. It is ever so when faith conquers. Thus the poet states the case:

"God moves in mysterious ways,
His wonders to perform,
He plants his footsteps on the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

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Faith

I cannot conceive that God could make such a species as the human merely to live and die on this earth. If I did not believe in a future state, I should believe in no God.

—John Adams.

Where there is no faith, there can be no endeavor.

Believe In Life

To believe in immortality is one thing, but it is first needful to believe in life.—Stevenson.

What is the highest secret of victory and peace? To will what God wills, and strike a league with destiny.—W. R. Alger.

WELFARE OF U. S. DEPENDS UPON MILLIONS OF LITTLE MEN

(From Eastern Shore News)

One of the amazing phenomena of national life in the United States is the attitude of big business toward the government of the country. Unless the administration in power is willing to subsidize business enterprise, the paid spokesmen of business do not hesitate to lambaste the government.

There was a time when the average American, if he desired to go into business, had the opportunity to do so. This opportunity has been largely dissipated by the development of monopoly, trusts and combines that operate in violation of the anti-trust laws.

Unless these practices are curbed, there will be no economic freedom available for the younger men of the present generation. They may get jobs, working for the big corporations, or operating as managers of filling stations and such units, but they will have little opportunity to create,build and maintain a large industrial operation.

The talk of the big business boys about the Government interfering with business, is largely a line of bunk. The truth of the matter is that the government has passed many laws at the behest of business interest to protect the profits of business.

In addition, the Government has not hesitated to subsidize business enterprise. This is true of the steamship lines, the railroads, the airlines and practically every form of business that operates in the United States.

While the spokesmen of business talk glibly of private initiative, they do not hesitate to seek the favors of Government when it puts money in their pockets. The only thing they complain about is when the Government does something for the common man.

It is quite common for spokesmen for industrialists to speak about the great development that has occurred in this country in the past one hundred sixty years. They take credit for the industrial growth of the nation, as if they possessed superior intelligence, when the truth of the matter is that the protective tariff has given the country a subsidy that has been paid by consumers of this country. It is nothing but nonsense for the leaders of business to pretend that this has been brought about solely by their acumen and know-how.

The development of trade and commerce in the United States is largely due to the fact that we had a large area and a large population operating under free trade. Nevertheless, the beneficiaries of this system, who have enjoyed the lush profits of a protective tariff, do not suggest today that the United States join with the world in developing the area of free trade which, almost alone, can give the peoples of the world the standard of living that they deserve.

It is time for the people of the United States to understand that the welfare of this nation depends largely upon the prosperity of the little people of the United States, the farmer, the laborer, and those who work at white-collar jobs.

It is time, and more than time, for the Government of the United States to develop policies and legislation that will look after the safety, security and opportunities of this class and forget the buncombe that "what helps business, helps you."

DELAYED PAY-OFF FROM EDUCATION

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

There is a job waiting for nearly every graduate from college, if it is only willing to find the job he wants. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that ordinary jobs are plentiful, but that many professions and skilled employments are crowded, or soon will be.

It was that way before the war. Many students again will be disappointed To discover that higher education does not pay off immediately after graduation.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, July 13.- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mrs. Paul Thornhill, who has been a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. Perry Garrett and Mrs. Jamerson visited Mrs. Fan... Pardieu Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Thornhill has returned to Lynchburg, after spending a week in the home of her parents.

Man With Twelve Fingers Has Dozen Toes, Too!

GALVESTON, TEXAS. — John G. Ayers, assistant superintendent of Galveston police department identification bureau, thought he had seen everything.

He was working on a set of fingerprints when he noticed that it included 12 fingers.

Lives counted the "printee," learned that 12 fingers were nothing unusual—at least in his family.

The man told him he was one of 24 children. His mother and seven brothers and sisters each have twelve fingers, he said. The other seven children were cheated by only 10.

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Former Bomb Base In Pacific Goes Back to Nature

TINIAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.— The airfield that hurled the atom bomb against Japan lies deserted. Wild cattle roam across the great landing strips.

Nobody cares. There is nobody to care.

This base, with probably the world's greatest array of runways, has been abandoned.

Runway "Abel" is the one that the atom bombers used. But there are six others, all paved with white coral that makes them glare under the Pacific sun. Laid out parallel, they form great grids across the green island.

Each runway is 8,500 feet long and 500 feet wide—the envy of every American airport, but just an annoyance to cattle searching for pasture.

Near the sea is the building where the atom bombs were assembled. Typhoons have torn open its sides. Artillery ammunition is stored inside. The ammunition cases are rotting.

Filled With Water

A little farther on are two pits where atomic bombs once rested. Now they are partly filled with water. A frog, disturbed by the first visitor in weeks, leaped into the water, and stuck his head out protestingly.

An occasional plane lands at the strip at the other end of the grid. There is no airport radio, so the plane before landing buzzes the field to alert a crash crew.

Stretching away from the air strips are paved roads marked "Broadway" and "Eighth Ave." Each is nine miles long. Each is polka-dotted with thousands of African snails, descendants of the snails which the Japanese brought here to eat.

They menace the only commercial undertaking on the island—a farm intended to furnish fresh vegetables to American service personnel on Guam and Saipan. A half-dozen navy men tend the rusting Tinian port, and about 200 army men have been destroying the staggering piles of aerial bombs which were abandoned when the war ended. Now that work has stopped to save the bombs for China.

Cost 290 Lives

Some 16,000 oriental civilians survived on Tinian when the U. S. Marines captured the island in a nine-day campaign in July, 1944, at the cost of 290 American lives. When the war closed, the United States sent the Tinian residents back to their original homes—Japan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Korea. Now a civilian population would be welcomed.

The island of 36 square miles is loaded with hangars, barracks and other ground installations that would serve as housing if maintained.

Right now, the buildings are slowly caving in. But the landing strips, when together used to put B-29's in the air at the rate of one every 10 seconds, are in perfect condition and could be cleared quickly of the cows, frogs and snails if the need arose.

Woman Fights With Burglar; Uses Telephone as Weapon

LOS ANGELES. — The burglar who entered Mrs. Henry H. Francis' apartment had a telephone thrown at him. Mrs. Francis is a telephone operator.

"I think I broke his nose," she told attendants at a receiving hospital where she was treated for rib injuries. "I woke up to find this fellow rummaging in a drawer. I started chasing him. I caught him in the front room. The only thing handy was the telephone. I let him have it.

"The burglar grabbed a heavy book of poetry. The poetry itself, by the way, is pretty light stuff. Anyhow, we fought in the dark and I guess he knocked me out, because when my husband came home from work at 6 a. m. he found me unconscious."

Mrs. Francis admitted she was screaming during the fight "but when I hit that guy with the phone he was screaming, too."

Mirrors Help Stutterers Correct Speech Defects

MINNEAPOLIS.—It isn't unusual to see students making strange faces in a huge mirror at the University of Minnesota.

It is one of the newer methods the school is trying out to cure stuttering.

Each year, the university treats about 60 stutterers and about 300 others who have speech defects. The reason for the mirror is that it reflects habits students have developed in their fight not to stutter, such as deep breathing, hard swallowing and whistling through their teeth.

In all, nearly 1,000 students and several non-students are treated with clinic facilities each year. Many of them are hard of hearing and, because of injuries or other reasons, never have heard correct pronunciation of words.

Oakville

Oakville, July 13.- Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith and daughter, Daphine visited their son and daughter in Richmond last week and attended the State Democratic Convention. Mr. Smith also spent the week-end in Washington, D. C.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Watts and son, Miss Ethlyn Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers and daughter, Mrs. C. R. Moore and son, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. Bob Wagner and daughter, Mrs. Irene Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman and daughter.

Ed Blanks, of Lynchburg, spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith. Harry Blanks, of Richmond and Miss Lelia Byers, of Lynchburg are visiting in the same home this week.

To the family of E. B. Martin we extend sincere sympathy. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbitt, of North Carolina were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbitt and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey and daughter visited his parents last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Doss, of Lynchburg spent last week with Mr. and Mrs T. L. Page and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bass. Mrs. Doss remained for this week also, and she and Mrs. Page are spending several days in Farmville with Mesdames Bob Wells and Eugene Dunkley.

Royal Coleman, who underwent an operation at Memorial Hospital recently has returned home.

William Smith is attending 4-H Camp this week.

Mrs. Irene Rogers is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Moore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walton and family visited her parents near Diamond Springs Sunday.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harvey, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ballaugh and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris last week-end.

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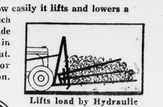

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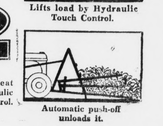

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Rocks

Rocks, July 13.- Farmers are busy laying by tobacco.

Chester Price was helping A. T. Anderson plow some last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Petersburg on Tuesday to see Bobby Glover, who was ill in a hospital there.

Mrs. D. R. Inge went to Lynchburg Wednesday to see Mrs. D. W. Dinkins. Mrs. Dinkins is improving after a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McGee, of Norfolk spent last Sunday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adkinson and children and Mr. and Mrs Toby Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge went to Hollywood Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Thompson and children, of Roanoke attended Sunday School at Rocks last Sunday, while on their vacation.

Miss Annie C. Martin spent her vacation at her home here last week.

Mrs. Reuben Garrett and daughter, Effie, of Amherst spent Thursday with Mrs. C. S. Ransen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin and Donna Lee and Mrs. W. F. Ransom spent Friday in Lynchburg.

Cassie Baldwin attended the Young People's Rally at Liberty Church at Appomattox Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones and children, of Newport News, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Ryland and Louise Taylor celebrated their birthdays last week.

Mrs. James Thackston and children have returned to High Point, N. C., after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Maude Ransom.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh were visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder Saturday afternoon.

A number from Rocks went to Hollywood Church Friday night to hear the Rev. J. Marshall Walker.

Robert Roach and son, Donald were doing some plumbing for John Henry Ransom last week.

The quarterly business meeting will be held July 17th (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 at the church. All members are urged to be present.

The July W. M. U. meeting was held with Mrs. Robert Roach Saturday night. Miss Odelle Ransom had charge of the program.

Expert Decries Lack Of Children in Family

CLEVELAND. — The two-child family may be fashionable, but "it is socially unhealthy," a University of Chicago professor declared.

Addressing the fifty-first annual convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Robert J. Havighurst, professor of education at the University of Chicago, said that because of "the rapid and continuing spread of birth control knowledge and practices, a significant section of our population now have too few children to reproduce themselves.

"If the universities of Princeton, Yale, Harvard and the colleges of Wellesley, Smith and Vassar were to limit their enrollment to children of former students, and if all such children were to attend these institutions, their enrollment would drop to one-half the present size in fifty years and to a quarter in 100 years."

He urged "individual acceptance of responsibility for having children" plus "government-paid family allowances in addition to a basic salary paid by the employer, and substantial income tax exemptions for children."

The problem of supplying enough school teachers is becoming more acute and only federal government aid can solve it, the congress was told earlier.

"Within 10 years, according to reliable statistics, we shall have 6 million children for whom no teachers will be available," Mrs. L. W. Hughes of Arlington, Tenn., president of the organization, declared in her address.

Three thousand delegates from all parts of this country and Hawaii attended the convention.

Washington Zoo Acquires Air-Conditioned Arctic Fox

WASHINGTON.—The National Zoological park recently acquired an alopex lagopus, Arctic fox, that is, which has the secret of how to keep warm in winter and cool in summer.

Zoo experts said that the vicious little animals feel no cold until the thermometer plunges to 94 degrees below and are not affected by heat until the temperature hits 104 degrees above.

The trick is in the fox's fur which is a virtually perfect insulation against all known kinds of weather.

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Democrats argue civil rights issue at Philadelphia convention.

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